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F-15Cs Arrive at Incirlik Air Base

STUTTGART, Germany -- In a demonstration of our unwavering support for Turkish sovereignty and the collective security of the region, U.S. European Command has directed the U.S. Air Force to deploy six F-15s to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

The F-15Cs from the 48th Fighter Wing based at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, arrived at approximately 3:30 p.m. Eastern European Time (EET). These aircraft will conduct combat air patrols in Turkish air space.

This deployment of additional aircraft to Incirlik is in response to the Government of Turkey's request for support in securing the sovereignty of Turkish airspace. Turkey and the U.S. are long-time NATO Allies and the U.S. Air Force has a long history of working closely with Turkey. We are guests of the Government of Turkey at Incirlik Air Base, and there are no plans for a more permanent U.S. presence at this location.

We will continue to work closely with our Turkish partners on supporting the sovereignty of Turkish airspace and our shared efforts to degrade and destroy ISIL. The U.S. and Turkey, as NATO allies, share a commitment to peace and stability in the region.

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